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SUBJ: COUNTERVAILING DUTY ON CUT FLOWERS

1. PRES PASTRANA TODAY SENT HIS ECONOMIC SECY, ENRIQUE LOW, TO DISCUSS COUNTERVAILING DUTY PROBLEM WITH ME. DR LOW SAID THAT CAMILO SANZ DE SANTAMARIA, MGR COLOMBIAN FLOWER GROWERS ASSC, WAS HAND CARRYING GOC MEMO DETAILING ARGUMENTS AGAINST DUTY FOR PRESENTATION TO TREASURY JUNE 26. IN BEHALF OF PRES, LOW THEN MADE STRONG PLEA THAT IF GOC ARGUMENTS WERE NOT ACCEPTED WE HOLD OFF DECISION ON THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY UNTIL AFTER THE NEW ADMIN ASSUMES OFFICE ON AUG 7. LOW SAID ALL INDICATIONS WERE THAT LOPEZ INTENDED TO ELIMINATE THE CAT SUBSIDY SYSTEM BECAUSE OF ITS HIGH FISCAL COST. HE POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE EASIER FOR THE NEW ADMIN TO TAKE THIS ACTION IF IT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE ACTING UNDER PRESSURE OF THE US COUNTERVAILING DUTY. IN FURTHER SUPPORT OF HIS REQUEST, LOW SAID THAT A DELAY WOULD CLEARLY BE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SECY'S EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A NEW DIALOGUE WITH LA. IMPOSITION OF A COUNTERVAILING DUTY IN THE LAST DAYS OF THE PASTRANA ADMIN COULD NOT HELP BUT HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE US IMAGE IN LA. HE THEREFORE ARGUED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE IN THE INTEREST OF EITHER COUNTRY TO TAKE A DECISION NOW WHEN ITS BASIS PROBABLY WOULD BE ELIMINATED WITHIN A FEW MONTHS.

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2. I TOLD DR LOW THAT I APPRECIATED PRES PASTRANA'S VIEWPOINT

AND THAT I WOULD TRANSMIT IT PROMPTLY TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSIDERATION.

3. FROM BOGOTA VANTAGEPOINT PRES PASTRANA'S VIEWS SEEM MOST REASONABLE

AND COMPELLING. IF CHANCES ARE GOOD---AS LOW SEEMS TO THINK---THAT
THE MATTER WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF IN TWO OR THREE MONTHS,
A GREAT DEAL OF PAIN WOULD BE SAVED IF WE COULD ONLY WAIT TO GIVE
LOPEZ A CHANCE TO DO SO. THEREFORE, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT IF
AT ALL POSSIBLE WE ACCEDE TO PRES'S REQUEST. VAKY

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